



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

ST. PAUL DISTRICT, CORPS OF ENGINEERS

ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS CENTRE

190 FIFTH STREET EAST

ST. PAUL, MN 55101-1638

REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

August 7, 2001

Construction-Operations
Regulatory (01-05983-DJS)

Mr. Mike DeRuyter
Kjolhaug Environmental Services Company
26105 Wild Rose Lane
Shorewood, Minnesota 55331

Dear Mr. DeRuyter:

We have reviewed information about a project of Haugland Companies to discharge 11,170 square feet of fill material for plant expansion in an unnamed wetland. The project site is in SW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 26, T. 28N., R. 22W., Dakota County, Minnesota.

This jurisdictional determination takes into consideration the U.S. Supreme Court's decision in Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County v. Corps of Engineers (the SWANCC decision). The area encompassed by this jurisdictional determination is a waterbody/wetland that is approximately 2 acres in size.

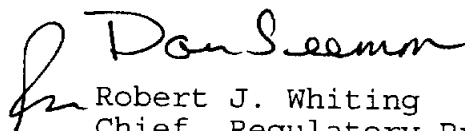
The subject water body is not a "water of the United States" because it is: (1) not a navigable water, (2) not an interstate water, (3) not part of a tributary system to 1 or 2, (4) not a wetland adjacent to any of the foregoing, and not an impoundment of any of the above. In addition, the interstate commerce nexus to this particular waterbody is insufficient to establish Clean Water Act jurisdiction. This waterbody is therefore not subject to regulation by the Corps of Engineers under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

This jurisdictional determination is valid only for the project and waterbody referenced above. It is based on the Headquarters guidance available to us at this time.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS LETTER DOES NOT ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR OTHER FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, OR OTHER AUTHORIZATIONS (SUCH AS THOSE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES OR COUNTY).

If you have any questions, contact Dan J. Seemon in our St. Paul office at (651) 290-5380. In any correspondence or inquiries, please refer to the Regulatory number shown above.

Sincerely,


Robert J. Whiting
Chief, Regulatory Branch